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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NAAS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IR

SUBJECT: POTPOURRI

1. I REGRET THAT I HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON VARIOUS MATTERS VIA OFFICIAL/ INFORMAL. I FULLY EXPECT TO GET INTO THAT ROUTINE, AS I PROMISED YOU DURING YOUR CONSULTATIONS, IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

2. WE HAVE ENJOYED YOUR REPORTING OF YOUR AUDIENCE AND A NUMBER OF MESSAGES HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUERIES. HERE IN NEA WE HAVE DIVIDED OPINION ON THE THOUGHTS PRESENTED IN PARA 6 OF TEHRAN 5513 BUT I SHALL COMMUNICATE LATER TO YOU ON THIS.

3. I HAVE TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI ABOUT THE NEW LEGISLATION AFFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND HE INDICATED
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TO ME THAT HE WOULD BE SOMEWHAT UNDER WRAPS IN

PUBLICIZING IRAN'S EFFORTS. IT SEEMS THAT THE IRANIANS CLEARLY WISH THE FACTS TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND NOT PUT THEMSELVES IN THE POSITION OF APPEARING REACTIVE TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES. I HAVE DRAWN THE ATTENTION OF A

NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO THE LEGISLATION BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING, INCLUDING A NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY. I AM IN THIS RESPECT VERY MINDFUL OF THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMENTS MADE TO YOU IN THIS RESPECT. WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE WONDERFUL JOB THE EMBASSY PERFORMED IN SHARPENING UP OUR DRAFT ON THE EVALUATION PLAN.

4. WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO TESTIFY ON AWACS IN CLOSED SESSION BEFORE THE ZABLOCKI AND HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUNE 29 AT 10:30 A.M. IT WILL BE A JOINT STATE/DOD APPEARANCE WITH ROY AND ERIC VON MARBOD AS THE PRINCIPAL WITNESSES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SENATE WILL ALSO EXPECT US TO TESTIFY IN JULY, PROBABLY IN OPEN SESSION. SENATORS CULVER AND EAGLETON HAVE COME OUT IN THE OPEN WITH THEIR OPPOSITION TO THIS SALE.

5. THE VISIT OF GENERAL TOUFANIAN WAS SMOOTH AS SILK AND HE APPEARED TO BE FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE VISIT. ONE EARLY STORM WARNING WAS RAISED, HOWEVER, WHEN THE NAVY BRIEFERS CASUALLY MENTIONED THAT THE COST OF THE SPRUANCE DESTROYERS MAYBE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED. WE SHALL KNOW MORE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WHEN THE CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE NAVY AND LITTON ARE COMPLETED.
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6. I UNDERSTAND THAT DOD MAY REQUEST GENERAL SECORD TO COME BACK TO HELP IN THE PREPARATION OF TESTIMONY ON AWACS. THIS CERTAINLY COULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO US.

7. BEST REGARDS.
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